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Utah Hog Inventory and United States Hog Inventory Are Up from Last Year

There were a total of 720,000 hogs and pigs in **Utah** as of March 1, 2012, according to the Utah Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Total inventory is up 1 percent from March 1, 2011 but 5 percent below December 1, 2011. Breeding hog inventory, at 75,000 head, was down 6 percent since December, but equal to the March 2011 number. The market hog inventory increased 2 percent over last year to 645,000 head but fell 5 percent from last December. From December 2011-February 2012 there were 406,000 pigs born, up 4 percent from the same period in 2011. There were 41,000 sows that farrowed December-February, 3 percent more than a year ago. Sows that farrowed December-February accounted for 55 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter increased by 0.1 from 9.9 for the December - February period compared to 9.8 last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2011 was 64.9 million head. This was up 2 percent from March 1, 2011, but down 2 percent from December 1, 2012. Breeding inventory, at 5.8 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 59.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, but down 2 percent from last quarter. The December 2011-February 2012 pig crop, at 28.7 million head, was up 3 percent from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.88 million head, up 1 percent from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.97 for the December-February period, compared to 9.8 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.30 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

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